

**O. H. JOHNSON
ELECTED MAYOR**DEFEATS E. D. BRIGGS BY LARGE
MAJORITY.**C. H. GILLETTE DEFEATS JOE HURT**If Anyone Thought That the Women
of Ashland Would Not Vote at a
Municipal Election They Have An-
other Guess Coming.

That the women of Ashland will take an interest in politics was proved to a finish at the election Tuesday. There was no record posted in some of the wards as to the total vote cast, but there were 1,893 votes cast for mayor and probably the total ran over 1,900. In 1910 there were 826 votes cast. The following is the vote for city officers, and on the bonding questions and the saloon issue:

For Mayor.				
	1	2	3	Total
Briggs	210	163	210	583
Johnson	416	342	552	1310
For Recorder.				
	1	2	3	Total
Gillette	396	253	355	914
Hurt	322	246	299	867

For Treasurer.				
	1	2	3	Total
Eubanks	546	467	584	1597

For Park Commissioner.

For Councilmen.				
	1	2	3	Total
Mrs. Van Sant	416	342	580	1609

For Councilmen.

First Ward.				
	1	2	3	Total
One year, E. F. Smith	262			262
One year, Louis Werth	321			321
Two years, J. P. Cornelius	285			285
Two years, E. C. Sherman	300			300

Second Ward.

Second Ward—	
P. L. Ashcraft.....	317
G. S. Butler.....	183

Third Ward.

A. M. Beaver	280
D. D. Good	169
A. W. Thomas	190

Saloons or No Saloons.

	1	2	3	Total
For	190	89	126	405
Against	430	402	524	1356
Excess Opposition				

Fire Protection Bonds.

For	414	346	474	1234
Against	156	132	170	458
Electric Light Bonds.				

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For	281	224	295	800
Against	281	244	333	858
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—The Ashland high school basketball team plays Medford Friday, December 20. Tickets on sale at Lane's Confectionery, the place for fine candy. 58-2t

TO ENTERTAIN SHRINERSEight Great Southern Cities Preparing
to Entertain Shriners When
Imperial Council Meets.

Dallas, Texas.—Eight great southern cities are preparing to entertain the Shrine world when the Imperial Council meets in this city next May. Galveston, Houston, San Antonio and Austin and three Oklahoma cities, Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Muskogee, are laying plans now for giving thousands of visitors the best time in history. The Oklahoma cities, homes of Shrine temples, are planning to get the visitors to stop over while en route to Dallas, or on their way back home. It is estimated that two-thirds of the visitors that will come to Dallas next May will pass through Oklahoma. Nobles of India Temple of Oklahoma City, Bedouin Temple of Muskogee and Akdar Temple of Tulsa take advantage of this and will endeavor to advertise their state and its future in every way possible. Four hundred and fifty Shriners and members of their families will come to Dallas next May, from Oklahoma.

Galveston is to entertain with surf bathing and with other attractions for which the island city is noted. San Antonio is preparing for a visit to her famous missions, including the Alamo, famous in Texas history, and other places of interest for which this old historic city is famous. Houston, one of the great commercial cities of the state, is arranging to entertain in a way which Houstonians declare "will put Houston on the map." Austin, the capital of Texas and home of Ben Hur Temple, is likewise making preparations. These cities will be visited in "the thousand-mile swing around Texas" following the close of the Imperial Council meeting.

FARMERS' INSTITUTEProminent Men Here in Three-day
Series of Lectures on Agriculture
and Horticulture.

An agricultural institute will be held in Ashland under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural College Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 2, 3 and 4, 1913. The meetings will be held at the rooms of the Commercial Club.

Specimens of diseased plants and trees will be on exhibition and lectures will be given in regard to the specimens and various other diseases of plants and orchards in this community. The lecturers at the institute are Professor Lewis, head of the agricultural department of the Agricultural College; Professor Jackson, head of the entomological and pathological departments of the Agricultural College, and Professor Reimer, head of the branch experiment station of the college at Talent.

The lecturers will be glad to examine any diseased plants or orchard specimens which anyone may bring to them during the institute. Specimens which it is desired that these gentlemen shall consider may be left at the Commercial Club rooms in advance of the institute. The hearty co-operation of all persons interested in the aims and objects of this institute is requested.

ELECTRIC LINE RUMORSTalk of Electric Lines in Rogue
River Valley Are Again Re-
viving. It Is Said.

According to reports from Medford and other points in the lower Rogue river valley, there are strong indications that there will be activity in the way of the building of electrical lines in the valley the coming summer. According to these reports, Representative Spencer S. Bullis, a prominent railroad builder, is in the valley with plans and financial backing, and if there are no obstacles construction of the line will begin within sixty days. It is said to be the intention to eventually link all the towns in the valley.

Medford Sun: It is reported that several head of elk were seen by trappers in the Grayback regions. The trappers say that they were not traveling, but seemed to make themselves at home in the southern Oregon regions. Many old hunters claim that this is not true, but this is the second report that has been sent in from the mountains.

Four Ashland young men were held up on their way home from Medford by auto Saturday night and were relieved of about \$50 in cash. There is no clue to the robbers.

—One-half off on trimmed hats, shapes and fancy feathers and 25 per cent off on beavers at Mrs. Simons', 167 East Main. 56-1f

—You can get the Hoover suction sweeper, absolutely the best made, at Simpson's Hardware Store.

—Kodaks at Whited's.

\$1000 ATTORNEY'S FEEMaintaining City's Water Rights
Costs Round Sum for Attorney's
Fee Alone—Fee Paid.

The matter of the rights of the city of Ashland to the waters of Ashland creek is proving an expensive affair. The bill of W. J. Moore for attorney's fee in the matter before the Oregon Water Commission alone amounts to \$1,000. This bill the finance committee refused to accept the responsibility of approving and it was taken up in committee of the whole and favorably acted upon, and on this report was ordered paid.

It is by no means certain that this is the end of the expense in the matter, as the parties claiming conflicting rights have the right of appeal to the courts, and if the rights as adjusted either by the commission or the courts give Ashland an insufficiency of water it will be necessary to condemn rights farther down the stream, at an immense expense.

—Fancy linen lunch cloths with napkins to match, full size linen tablecloths with napkins to match, silk scarfs of all colors and designs, 5,000 ladies' and children's handkerchiefs, pure linen Cluny lace 5c, 10c and 15c a yard. Ashland Trading Co.

CITY WENT DRY BY BIG MAJORITYDESPITE UNPLEASANT WEATHER LADIES TURNED OUT AND VOTED
TO KEEP ASHLAND A NO-LICENSE TOWN

That Ashland will remain dry under woman suffrage was demonstrated clearly Tuesday. The vote for license was 465 and the vote against license was 1,356. If anyone had an idea that the women would not vote on the license question in Ashland he has a guess coming. It was apparently this question and this alone that brought the women out, if one may judge by the remarks made. Also the line of cleavage between various candidates was along the same line, many saying that all they wanted to know as to a candidate was how he would vote on this question.

BUSINESS TRADE MADE SCHOOL SOON CLEAREDBarrett & Son Exchange Second-
Hand Store on North Main for
Real Estate and Auto.

J. Barrett & Son of this city have traded their second-hand furniture store (formerly the Jack Morris stock) to J. A. Campbell, also of this city. They take in exchange property in Medford, property in California and an automobile. Mr. Campbell has already taken possession of the business. Mr. Mashburn, who has been with Messrs. Barrett all the time that they have been in the business, continues with Mr. Campbell. The Messrs. Barrett have not yet decided what they will do in the future.

How About Ashland Mothers?

Many a Bemidji mother who knows all about missionary work in the Fiji Islands or China has not the remotest idea where the daughter is at 9:30 p. m. half of the nights of the week and does not seem to consider it her business to make inquiry where her boy was when he gets in at midnight nor with whom and how he spent the evening. Bemidji Pioneer.

Odd Fellows, Attention.

There will be work in the Second degree Thursday evening, December 19. All members are urged to be present and visiting brothers are invited. G. W. TREFREN, Sec.

—Rose Bros., headquarters for Christmas candles, nuts, etc. 58-2t

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TESTING CITY WATERBoard of Health Determining Whether
Typhoid Fever Germs Come
From Water or Not.

The city board of health has taken samples of water from the city water supply and sent them to the state board of health for examination to determine if possible whether the typhoid fever existing in the city at the present time comes from the water supply or from some other source, possibly impure milk. When the results of the examination are learned the city board of health will take whatever further action they deem necessary.

—Kodaks at H. L. Whited's.

Smoke in Cloak Room of East Side
Building Causes Fire Drill
to Occur.

Some smoke was discovered in the cloak room of the East Side building Tuesday about 1:30 o'clock. The fire drill call was at once sounded and the building was emptied in about 30 seconds, a record hard to beat. It was done without excitement or confusion. There could be no fire found, however, and after the building had been thoroughly examined the scholars were marched back to their places and the work of the day resumed. Few of the scholars knew that there was any danger at any time.

Cider Delivery.

Powell Bros. pure apple cider delivered to any part of the city. Phone 130. 50-1f

—Eastern manufacturers are getting in a hurry to have their goods on sale. The Ashland Trading Co. have just secured their spring stock of muslin underwear for ladies' combination suits, etc., and will put them on sale a tonce. Phone 122.

—Christmas tree, Oregon grapes, mistletoe, Christmas decorations, etc., delivered to any part of the city at reasonable prices. Phone 252-R.

—For the convenience of our customers our store will be open Monday and Tuesday evening of next week. Beebe & Kinney.

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BARN NOT A NUISANCESanitary Committee of City Council
Holds Max Pracht's Barn to
Be a Model.

At the city council meeting Wednesday evening the sanitary committee reported in writing on the petition of Mr. Arant that Max Pracht be compelled to remove a barn recently erected near Euclid avenue.

The committee opened by saying that Mr. Arant's remedy, if any, was by a suit at law, and then went into a detailed report on the condition of the barn, declaring it to be well kept and one that might well be taken as a model for others in this city.

—Watch Whited for watches.

WILL BUY AUTO TRUCKThat the City of Ashland Will Have
an Auto Fire Truck Was De-
cided Tuesday.

The vote upon bonding the city for an auto fire truck must have been very gratifying to the members of the local fire department. It stood 1,234 to 458 in favor of voting the bonds. It is expected that as soon as possible the city council will proceed to the sale of the bonds and the purchase of the truck. The Tidings wishes right here to repeat what it said before election. Every town has its own problems to meet. The machine that is best adapted to bucking snow may not be the best adapted to plowing mud. The machine that is best adapted to climbing icy hills may not be best suited to climbing greasy, muddy ones. And so on to the end. And so the Tidings thinks that the machine purchased should be first tried out thoroughly right on the ground.

—It's easier to buy gifts at the store for men, where we specialize in merchandise for men only. Mitchell & Whittle.

—Don't overlook buying some phonograph records for your friends. The most appropriate gift. Get them at Rose Bros. 58-2t

LIGHT BONDS BEATENVote on Them is Close, There Being
800 Votes For and 858 Votes
Against.

There will be no auxiliary lighting plant erected by the city at present. This was the edict at the election held Tuesday. This does not mean that the city will never improve its plant, as was said by the advocates of the bonds, nor does it mean that the city light plant is to be turned over to the Ashland Electric Power & Light Company or to any other parties. It simply means that for the present, until the question of the water rights of Ashland are determined and until the question of the sufficiency of the water for the uses of the city are settled, that the citizens were opposed to voting to authorize any further expenditures.

Hilt Robber Sentenced.

Frank Bowers, who held up Victor E. Warren's saloon at Hilt on the evening of November 14 and with a pal robbed 15 patrons and the proprietor of \$1,000 in money and \$1,500 in diamonds, plead guilty in the superior court in Yreka and was sentenced to seven and one-half years in Folsom penitentiary. He gave the authorities a complete description of his companion, "Canadian Frank," and they are confident of capturing him. Brownlee's parents are respected residents of Kennett, in Shasta county. He gave the diamonds to a woman in Ashland, from whom they were recovered later.

—For five years we have served you with Xmas gifts. Let us see that smile again. Arthur S. Thompson, jeweler, 163 Main.

—We have a full car of drain tile. Carson-Smith Lumber Co. 47-1f

MUMPS CHANGES GAMEContagious Disease Prevents Cottage
Grove Team Coming—Medford
Athletics Instead.

The Ashland high school basketball team will play the Medford Athletic Club team tomorrow evening instead of the Cottage Grove high school team. The mumps has broken out in the Cottage Grove team and has compelled them to abandon the team, hence the change. The Medford Athletics are a fast team and will give the high school team the time of their lives.

—One-half off on trimmed hats, shapes and fancy feathers, and 25 per cent off on beavers at Mrs. Simons', 167 East Main. 56-1f

—10,000 postcards to close out, 5c dozen. 50 dozen canvass gloves, 90c dozen. Ashland Trading Co.

—You can get the Hoover suction sweeper, absolutely the best made, at Simpson's Hardware Store.

—Ladies' and gents' clothing made, altered and relined at Fuller's, 81 Oak street. Phone 119.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

**SCHOOLS CLOSE
ON FRIDAY**PROGRAMS IN VARIOUS BUILD-
INGS MARK THE EVENT.**TWO WEEKS HOLIDAY VACATION**Afternoon in Various Buildings to
Be Devoted to Programs and to
Pleasure For All the Pupils.

The city schools of Ashland will close tomorrow (Friday) for the holiday vacation. The vacation will last two weeks, the schools resuming work on the 6th day of January. The teachers in the various buildings will scatter for the holidays, some going to their homes in various parts of the state and neighboring states, some visiting friends and many remaining in Ashland during the holidays. There will be programs in the several buildings in which all the rooms will participate in one way or another.

East Side Building.

At the East Side school the rooms will pair off, two going together in each case, and there will be programs consisting of recitations, music, drills, etc. The three grades of the East Side school which are at the high school building will unite for their program.

West Side School.

At the West Side school the five lower grades will each hold its own celebration of the event, the affair taking the form of a grade party. Besides the program, the children will play games and otherwise enjoy themselves.

The three upper grades in the West school will unite and in addition to the usual program of recitations, music, etc., will present a little sketch entitled "Christmas in Many Lands."

The private car A-1 of the Pacific Coast Company was attached to No. 15, south bound, Tuesday afternoon. The occupant was a gentleman named French and a party of friends, but none of the local railroad men were able to locate either the company or the gentleman.

The Medford Sun Tuesday had a leading editorial headed "Graft." It was not a spasm of desire for municipal purity, but merely an article urging the grafting of Spitzenburg and Yellow Newtown apples upon other varieties which are less profitable.

—Strawberry, raspberry and blackberry plants in large and small quantities. Apply at the Hotel Ashland dining room. 50-1f

DEATH OF J. C. SMITHWell-Known Citizen Passed Away
Tuesday Morning and Was Bur-
ied This Afternoon.

Joseph C. Smith, foreman of the Pioneer Planing Mills, and residing at 189 Granite street, died at the Granite City hospital on Tuesday, December 17, 1912, at 1:10 a. m. The remains were taken to Medford by Mr. Wicks, a former employer of Mr. Smith, for embalming, and brought back to the home on Granite street Wednesday afternoon. The funeral took place at the family residence Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. T. Van Scoy, assisted by the local lodge of Odd Fellows, of which the deceased was a member and had filled most of the important offices.

The deceased leaves a widow, also three sisters and five brothers. Four of the brothers reside at Phoenix and one at Glendale, Ore. The three sisters are Mrs. Charles Wolgamott of Medford, Mrs. Anna Robbins of Woodville and Mrs. Alice Brownrig of Idaho.

The deceased was 42 years old the 11th of last September and was born in Decatur county, Iowa. He came to Oregon with his parents in 1875 and resided in Phoenix for years, coming to Ashland nine years ago. He was married April 28, 1901, to Miss Fannie C. Abbott of Wagner Creek, who survives him.

He was a fine man and a good citizen, and the family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.

Mrs. Della Walker and Mrs. Mollie Garrett of Bly, Mrs. Edith Shelley of Forest Grove, and Mrs. Gus Edlund of Roseburg, sisters of Mrs. Smith, were among those who were present at the funeral.